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In re the application of:

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Serial Number: 09/913,643

Group Art Unit: 1618

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Examiner: Fubara, Blessing M.

For: BIODEGRADABLE CERAMIC FIBRES FROM SILICA SOLS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 27, 2006

Sir:

Applicants traverse the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 9, 2006. The facts supporting this traversal follow:

1. The Patent Office issued an Official Action on December 5, 2005.
2. Applicants filed a Request for Reconsideration ("Request"), which did not amend any claim, on March 1, 2006. A copy of the Request is attached as Exhibit 1.
3. The Patent Office issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") on March 9, 2006. The Notice states the "Amendment" filed on March 1, 2006 is considered non-compliant because each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier. A copy of the Notice is attached as Exhibit 2.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

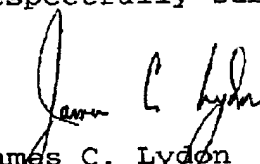
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ARGUMENT

Applicants never amended any claims in response to the December 5, 2005 Official Action. Accordingly, the Notice is in error and should be withdrawn.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Exhibit 1 - Request for Reconsideration filed March 1, 2006
Exhibit 2 - Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed
March 9, 2006